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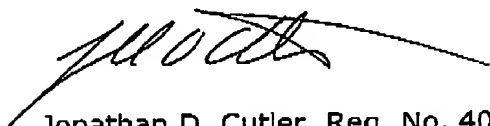
REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 29-31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. These claims may be pursued in continuing applications. Further, claim 32 has been cancelled and rewritten in independent form as claim 49. Similarly, claim 33 has been cancelled and rewritten in independent form as claim 50.

After entry of this Amendment, claims 34-50 will remain pending in the application. Claims 34-42 and claims 45-48 were indicated to be allowed in the office action dated September 5, 2003. Claim 43, and it is assumed claim 44 since it depends from claim 43, were indicated to be allowable in the Advisory Action dated November 21, 2003. Finally claims 49 and 50 (being claims 32 and 33 rewritten in independent form) were also indicated to be allowable in the office action dated September 5, 2003.

It is believed that the present case is now in condition for allowance, however, should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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